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MEMORANDUM

May 12, 1964

TO: J. Lee Rankin
Special Counsel

SUBJECT: Examination of Autopsy Photographs and X-rays of President Kennedy

After the autopsy photographs and x-rays are examined, we [illegible] to determine the following:

1. The photographs and x-rays confirm the precise location of the entrance wound in the back of the head depicted in Commission Exhibits 350 and 388.

2. The photographs and x-rays confirm the precise location of the wound of entrance on the upper back of the President as depicted in Commission Exhibits 385 and 386.

3. The photographs and x-rays confirm the precise area of the President's skull which was displaced by the bullet when it exited as depicted in Commission Exhibit 388.

4. The characteristics of the wounds on the President's head and on the back of his head should be examined closely in the photographs and x-rays to determine for certain whether they are characteristic of entrance wounds under the criteria advanced by Doctors Finck, Humes, Boswell, Gregory, Shaw, Morry and Carrico.

5. The films and x-rays should be viewed in conjunction with Commission Exhibit 349 (a photograph of the back of the President's head taken shortly before the fatal shooting the head wound) and Commission Exhibit 390 (the frame of the Zapruder film [illegible] the head wound) to determine for certain whether the angle of declination is accurately depicted in Commission Exhibit 388.

I suggest that we have a court reporter present [illegible] Dr. Bruce after the x-rays and photographs [illegible] on the record:

1. Any changes in his testimony or opinion required by a review of the x-rays and films, and

2. Consideration of the purchase or all of the evidence which may be considered by viewing photographs and x-rays.

I suggest that we have a short supplemental proceeding at which we may question Dr. Hanks after the x-rays and photographs are produced to put on the record:

1. Any changes in his testimony or theories required by a review of the x-rays and films, and

2. Corroboration of the portions or all of his prior testimony which may be confirmed by viewing the photographs and x-rays.